



FDLP Forecast Study

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Project Goals

Data gathered from questionnaires and action plans submitted by Federal depository libraries will allow GPO to:

- * Understand pressing issues, goals, and viewpoints of depositories of all types of libraries;
- * Document the needs, vision, and environment in which individual depositories exist at the state level; and
- * Document the goals and initiatives of states and multi-state Federal depository regions.

Outcomes of the research will inform:

- * The strategic direction for the FDLP; and
 - * The development of a FDLP National plan.
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Project Background

The dialogue on the future direction of the FDLP began with a special public forum for the FDLP community on Thursday, October 20, 2011, the final day of the Depository Library Council Meeting and Federal Depository Library Conference. During this forum, FDLP members and GPO agreed that multiple levels of community engagement would be required to effectively assess the current needs and future direction of the FDLP for both individual libraries and states.

The FDLP State Forecast questionnaire is designed to gather data about the conditions of all types of FDLP libraries, individually and in a state, and to identify issues that libraries are facing now and expect to face in the future. State Focused Action Plans build on issues identified in State Forecasts and document initiatives and activities that FDLP members in states or Federal depository regions plan to implement in the next five years.

Consensus of opinion about the key issues facing depository libraries today and in the future is the key to moving forward with change. We must work together to determine how we envision the future of the Program and how we can achieve the goals identified at state or Federal depository region levels. Community participation in this project, through the submission of completed individual library and State Forecast questionnaires and State Focused Action Plans, is crucial to the successful creation of our shared vision of the future of the FDLP. The data from completed FDLP Forecasts and Action Plans is needed to document where changes are needed in our existing Program.

The FDLP State Forecasting Project is part of a larger FDLP study that will also examine primary and secondary data, laws governing the program, and possible program models. The data gathered from the Forecasts and Action Plans will inform decision-making and ensure that the FDLP National Plan for the future of the Program will be one based on a shared vision with member libraries.

FDLP Study Questionnaires



How do I fill out the Library Forecast questionnaire?

We've provided the FDLP Library Forecast questionnaire in three versions: Word, PDF, and the actual Survey Monkey form. Survey Monkey requires you to provide an answer to each asterisked question and click to the next page to continue with the survey form. When you have answered all of the survey questions and clicked "next," on the last page, your answers will be recorded and you cannot access the questionnaire again. Survey Monkey will not send you a confirming email that your questionnaire has been sent. **Please note that all answers are final.**

For this reason, we suggest that you fill out your answers in the Word version of the form as a template. You can easily save and return to your answers if you cannot fill out the questionnaire in one sitting. **You can also save the questionnaire in Word and share your answers with your director or other colleagues for state or regional meetings.**

When you are ready to fill out the questionnaire in Survey Monkey, you can refer to your Word document as you click to answer the questions in Survey Monkey. Answers to open-ended questions in text boxes can be copied from Word and pasted into the Survey Monkey questionnaire so you don't have to retype them.

Security features in Survey Monkey do not allow a completed questionnaire to be printed. Also, Survey Monkey does not allow text entered into scrollable text boxes to be printed beyond what appears in the text window.

The only way to print a copy of your answers from the Survey Monkey form is to print each page of your answers individually using the print function of your web browser before clicking to the next page. This will allow you to capture your answers in the radio button selections on the form, but not all of your words in scrollable text boxes. **Keeping the Word version of your questionnaire also ensures you have a complete copy of your answers for your records.**

Only the Survey Monkey version will be used to collect the survey data. Please do not email GPO the Word or PDF version of the form!

I'd like to change one of my responses. Why can't GPO make changes to my questionnaire?

To keep the data secure and to avoid any suggestion of improprieties, we cannot go into your questionnaire and change your answers.

How do I ask a question about the FDLP Forecast Study?

Use [askGPO](#) to submit a question about the study, the questionnaires, or to request GPO's participation in a State Forecast Meeting. Choose the Federal Depository Libraries category and the FDLP Forecast Study subcategory.

How do States fill out and submit a State Forecast questionnaire and a State Focused Action Plan?

Individuals with primary responsibility for FDLP collections within your state are encouraged to meet, discuss the library answers to the FDLP Forecast questionnaire, collaborate to produce responses at the state level, and submit **one** State Forecast questionnaire using the Survey Monkey link found on the [project page](#).



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During this same state meeting, librarians are encouraged to identify important issues and how FDLP libraries are working together to address these issues through shared initiatives and actions. For the State Focused Action Plan, we would like librarians meeting in each state or area served by a regional depository to share up to five initiatives and goals that they plan to implement with the next one to five years. These initiatives and goals should be specific and attainable, emphasizing what FDLP libraries in your state or depository region want to achieve. These initiatives may also reflect collaborative efforts across states. Examples of possible initiatives are provided in the State Focused Action Plan Template.

Use [askGPO](http://www.gpo.gov/askgpo) to submit a State Focused Action Plan:

- * Provide your email address;
- * Use the subject: (State Postal Abbreviation) State Action Plan;
- * Include some text in the question box as it is a required field;
- * Attach your plan to the Ask a Question form;
- * Select the Federal Depository Libraries category and FDLP Forecast Study Subcategory; and
- * Click on "Continue".

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- * **FDLP State Forecast Questionnaire**
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- * **FDLP State Action Plan Template**
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Related Articles and Documents

FDLP Connection Articles

- * [From Collaborative Discussion to Questionnaire: GPO Asks the FDLP Community to Help Us Shape the Future of the Program](#) (February 2012)
- * [Community, Unity](#) (February 2012)
- * [Influencing the Future: FDLP State Forecasts and Action Plans](#) (December 2011)

Related Documents

- * [Compilation of State Focused Action Plans](#) (November 1, 2012)
- * [Working Together for a Vibrant: Future of the FDLP](#) (ALA Midwinter, 2012)
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- * Strategic Changes Through Cooperative Efforts (November 2011) [PowerPoint](#) | [Handut](#)
- * [Transcripts](#) (Fall Depository Library Council Meeting and Federal Depository Library Conference, 2011)
- * [Letter from the Superintendent of Documents to Library Directors on the FDLP Forecast Study](#)

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